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**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 2813**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 04329.3109

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Jota FUKUHARA et al. ) Group Art Unit: 2813  
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Application No.: 10/635,676 ) Examiner: Blum, David S.  
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Filed: August 7, 2003 ) Confirmation No. 1779  
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For: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE AND )  
MANUFACTURING METHOD )  
THEREFOR )

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Sir:

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL**

In reply to the Final Office Action mailed October 27, 2005, the period for response to which extends through January 27, 2006, Applicants propose amending the application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** are made in the attached replacement sheet and are discussed at page 7 and in the **Remarks** section of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

**Attachments to this Amendment:** One (1) sheet of drawings, labeled "Replacement Sheet," containing amended Figs. 14 and 15.